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## STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

- I. INGRID M. FOERSTER, declare as follows:
- I was and remain a registered patent attorney employed by International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation, the assignee of the present application.
- I am "of record" in the present application, by virtue of being listed on the Revocation and Power of Attorney submitted in the application on July 19, 2001.
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